

Delmarva Agriculture Data

Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

05/16/07
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PLACEMENTS UP 7 %

For the week ending May 12, 2007, growers placed 12.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 7.0% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.9 million) increased 5.7% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.2 million, an increase of 3.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending May 05, 2007 compared to 10.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/17/07	14,015	14,198	11,502	11,355	11,505	11,355
03/24/07	13,520	14,193	11,521	11,459	11,521	11,754
03/31/07	13,776	14,291	11,452	11,641	11,455	11,744
04/07/07	13,777	14,380	11,449	11,647	11,449	11,840
04/14/07	13,579	14,499	10,987	11,715	11,034	11,948
04/21/07	13,818	14,273	11,274	11,804	11,275	12,133
04/28/07	13,709	14,250	11,272	11,823	11,275	12,015
05/05/07	13,683	14,143	11,157	12,029	11,158	12,121
05/12/07	13,688	14,207	11,225	11,870	11,228	12,018

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

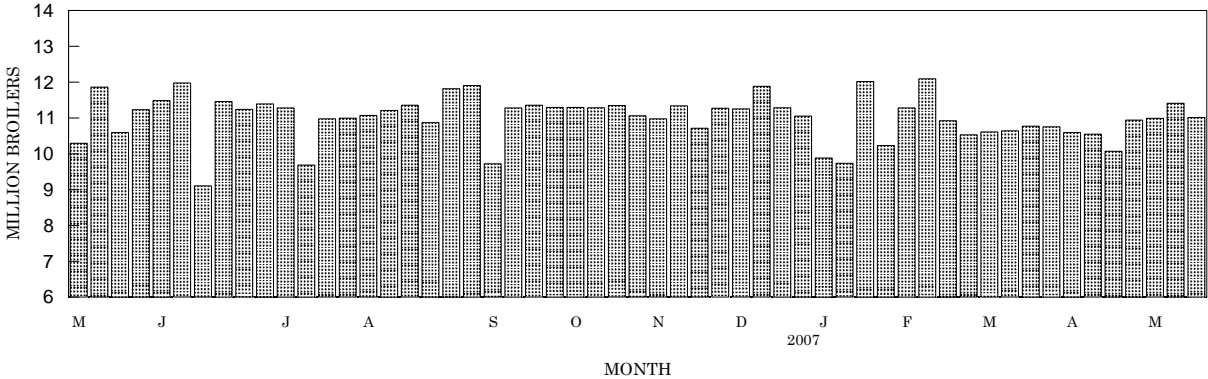
NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 05/19/07	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	79.95	77.32	69.60	48.39
12-City Composite 2/	81.76	79.25	78.73	58.09

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BROILERS SLAUGHTERED ON DELMARVA

April 2006 - April 2007



Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,722	31,354	31,737	31,504	*31,092	31,184
AR	28,374	28,586	28,327	28,547	29,200	29,002
DE	4,107	4,187	4,064	4,108	4,160	4,086
FL	1,382	1,372	1,383	1,384	*1,376	1,377
GA	36,359	36,491	*36,540	36,488	*35,761	36,205
KY	7,543	*7,597	7,767	7,787	*7,705	7,769
LA	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,924	3,955	3,955
MD	9,011	9,050	8,941	8,932	8,776	8,926
MS	18,998	19,104	19,090	18,856	18,826	19,104
NC	19,757	19,889	19,625	19,856	19,506	19,949
OK	6,650	6,771	6,771	6,583	6,633	6,636
PA	4,114	4,197	4,152	3,920	*4,037	4,122
SC	5,554	5,378	5,775	5,659	5,473	5,643
TX	14,968	14,987	15,049	15,122	14,971	15,073
VA	6,451	6,529	6,540	6,478	6,480	6,553
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,192	*20,244	*20,318	*19,850	*20,465	20,477
19 State Total	*219,106	*219,660	*220,003	*218,998	*218,416	220,061
Previous Year Total	215,794	214,981	212,327	210,570	211,844	213,524
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	104	104	103	103

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 7 2007	Apr 14 2007	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,400	20,571	20,652	20,656	*20,558	20,994
AR	24,608	24,406	23,531	23,898	23,518	24,560
DE	5,115	5,258	5,507	5,467	*4,801	5,307
FL	1,455	1,597	1,497	1,555	*1,468	1,622
GA	29,038	29,472	28,447	30,065	*30,111	29,147
KY	6,083	5,366	6,337	5,851	*6,068	6,302
LA	3,738	3,795	3,765	3,901	3,892	3,833
MD	5,952	6,316	5,833	6,047	*5,881	6,666
MS	17,719	17,494	17,370	17,559	17,429	17,502
NC	16,161	15,706	15,907	16,434	16,370	15,837
OK	4,745	4,628	5,298	5,007	5,623	4,862
PA	2,992	2,899	2,990	3,153	*3,181	3,136
SC	4,823	5,258	4,971	5,415	4,671	5,572
TX	12,844	12,801	12,713	12,675	12,606	12,663
VA	5,164	4,889	5,203	5,225	6,157	4,516
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,632	*16,879	*18,091	*17,751	*18,370	18,033
19 State Total	*176,469	*177,335	*178,112	*180,659	*180,704	180,552
Previous Year Total	175,414	172,785	175,809	177,833	176,955	174,308
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	103	101	102	102	104

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2007. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through May 12, 2007 were 3.32 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.